



LABOR SUPPORTS MOVE TO INSURE \$4 MILLION SALINAS BUILDING JOB

Organized Labor in Salinas is supporting the movement to insure the proposed \$4,000,000 business development project along South Main Street and the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas has voted to support the petitions supporting the city council's approval of the project.

The labor council last week also voted to sponsor an advertisement in the Labor News urging people to sign the petitions supporting the project.

Council Secretary George Harter and Laborers' Business Agent J. B. McGinley appeared before the city council two weeks ago when the rezoning request was before the council, and explained that Organized Labor is in favor of the project. The council voted 3 to 2 to allow the rezoning.

Opponents to the program are seeking a referendum vote of the people on the rezoning, and petitions being circulated are in support of the city council stand and are designed to show that voters want the project and that a referendum will be an unnecessary expense.

Text of the petitions follows: "We, the undersigned residents of Salinas, Calif., interested in the future growth and development of our city as a whole, believe the ordinance rezoning the property on South Main Street recently passed by the city council leads to the sound and practical growth of our community and will benefit the city and its citizens, do hereby endorse, ratify, and commend its adoption by our city council."

Miriam DeFord Writes Labor For 25 Years

New York City
Miriam Allen deFord completes a record quarter century as Federated Press San Francisco correspondent this year.

Coming to FP shortly after it was established in 1919, Miss deFord covered all the big stories from Tom Mooney to Harry Bridges, the labor conventions held in the San Francisco Bay area and the United Nations conference of last spring.

In the midst of the 1934 waterfront strike, in which she was tear-gassed, she suffered the loss of her husband but did not miss an assignment. Her husband was Maynard Shipley, a scientist with progressive convictions who popularized evolution and other theories in his writings and fought relentlessly against the forces of ignorance and suppression of truth.

Miss deFord first came to FP as writer of a weekly column for woman readers but soon became a spot news reporter. She is the author of numerous books and contributor to periodical publications as well as to literary biographical dictionaries. Since 1936 she has been as active member of the San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild.

"Federated Press has leaned heavily on Miriam Allen deFord for reliable coverage in the last 25 years," said Managing Editor Carl Haessler. "She has kept a troubled area accurately represented in the labor press and has the confidence of the unions there. Her loyalty and responsibility are deeply appreciated."

Franciscan Hotel Rebuilding Starts

Reconstruction of the fire-damaged Franciscan Hotel is under way at Salinas with C. N. Swenson, San Jose contractor, conducting the work.

The hotel will be rebuilt to a modern four-story structure with a full basement which will be used partly for a cocktail bar.

Other local jobs, as reported by J. B. McGinley, Salinas business representative for the Monterey County Building Trades Council, include a lettuce and carrot shed and ice house being built along highway 101 south, by George Hawk, San Diego contractor.

The Same Answer

Congress is compromising on demands for more unemployment compensation by refusing to increase the amount paid to workers, but increasing the number of weeks.

Twenty-six weeks X 0 is still nothing.

A great many prominent family trees were started by grafting.

N. Y. Painters Respond To Strike Call

New York City
All painting in the Bronx and Manhattan came to a halt recently as 10,000 members of District Council 9, Brotherhood of Painters (AFL), walked out in answer to a union strike call.

The painters reported for work at 8 a.m. and then following union instructions walked off their jobs and jammed into a mass meeting at Central Opera House, where they were addressed by Sec. Treas. Louis Weinstock of District Council 9. Both the union and the Master Painters Association were invited by the State Mediation Board to attend a conference at its offices.

The union strike committee unanimously accepted the invitation but turned down a request by the board that it not go through with the strike pending outcome of the talks.

After the meeting the strikers began picketing their places of work, wearing sandwich signs that said: For a decent living standard, for job security, for health protection, against sweatshop conditions.

Central demand of the strikers is for job security, a precedent-making issue in the building trades industry. Other demands are for a 5 per cent payroll tax for a vacation fund and a 1-year contract.

State Jobless Total 100,000

Los Angeles, Calif.
Unemployment figures in southern California hover just short of the hundred thousand mark as layoffs continue in the many war plants concentrated in the area.

During the week ending Sept. 1, 16,275 additional layoffs were reported to the U. S. Employment Service offices in southern California, bringing the total layoffs reported since hostilities ceased to 99,275. Of these, \$3,800 were laid off in Los Angeles county, 12,000 in San Diego and 3475 in other southern California areas.

Layoffs are beginning to taper off since the heaviest dismissals came in the weeks immediately after Japan's surrender. Aircraft and shipbuilding, which had been hit the hardest, reported 3800 layoffs during the last week of August as compared with 32,430 the week before. This brings total layoffs in the aircraft industry in southern California to 36,230.

During the same period, shipbuilding layoffs dropped to 1300 as compared with 7700 for the previous week, bringing total layoffs in shipyards to 9000.

WMC Area Director Raymond Krah, who released the figures, also pulled the carpet out from under those congressmen who have been screaming that unemployment compensation is making loafers out of displaced war workers.

Availability of jobless insurance is one of the least important factors in the reconversion problem. Krah said, adding: "A thorough study of the situation reveals that few workers are refusing jobs in order that they may draw unemployment checks."

Laundry Workers Win Gain in L. A.

Los Angeles, Calif.
A guaranteed 48-hour week plus employer-paid hospital and surgical insurance were insured 2500 laundry employees of 18 major Los Angeles laundries.

Gains for the laundry workers came with the signing of a master agreement by officials of the Laundry Linen Supply and Dry Cleaning Drivers Union, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, with the Los Angeles Laundry Owners Association after three months of negotiations.

The new contract's benefits, which extend to all employees of firms under the master agreement regardless of type of work performed, include paid vacations and holidays and overtime for non-commission workers.

Shrewd Customer

One of those sidewalk pitchmen was disgusted because he couldn't seem to open the pocketbooks of the large crowd in front of him. "You pikers," he said, "are you too tight even to give me 50c for a dollar?" "I will," someone spoke up. "All right," said the pitchman, "hand over the 50c."

"Oh, no," said the customer. "I ain't taking any chances. Take it out of the buck and hand me the change."

Roger Babson Shows Hostile Stand on Labor

Washington, D. C.
Business Economist Roger W. Babson, whose think pieces appear on the financial pages of many important newspapers, wrote recently on unions and veterans with a decidedly hostile slant toward organized labor.

Babson, who must be a faithful reader of Westbrook Pegler, said "there is little real democracy in a big labor union. Members vote as ordered; they have far less freedom than the stockholders of any corporation. Often even the officers of the union are mere figureheads without real authority. . . . 'Labor leaders,' Babson charged, 'can bluff their present membership which has become docile from browbeating and blackmail. But these labor leaders may meet their match in the returning soldier. He is no namby-pamby. Hence, the important question is 'what will the attitude of the returning servicemen be toward the labor union leaders?'"

"If the returning soldiers insist upon the open shop and peaceful collective bargaining, the post-war prosperity can be bright and of long duration with little unemployment; but otherwise, there will be much unemployment."

After that plea for the open shop, this expert whose opinions are widely read by top management, goes on to say he will not guess on the attitude of the veterans, but that "those who come from homes which are independent—especially white collar homes—are against union domination. This especially applies to boys from Republican homes or from Southern Democratic homes, including those from the farms."

But to wind up, Babson admits "those who are returning to homes having brothers or fathers as union members are mostly favorable to the unions."

'MOST VICIOUS MAN' TITLE TO O'DONNELL

By ALFRED G. LARKE
EDITOR'S NOTE: Alfred G. Larke is with a group of labor editors touring the Pacific as guests of the armed forces.

WITH THE ARMY FORCES, PACIFIC AREA COMMAND— "That great, honest, conscientious columnist," said the officer, ending a sentence. I was curious at once and moved from my side of the officers mess to that side.

There was a tone of deep sarcasm in his voice and I wanted to know which journalist was catching hell from the army.

The officer was in a T-shirt and, since he didn't have his rank tattooed on his arm, I didn't find out until later that he was a captain and a chaplain.

"There are only two things he wants," the chaplain continued. "He wants a fascist state in America and he wants a war with Russia. I wish I could meet him right now and here. In my opinion he is the most vicious man in America."

A couple of lieutenants joined in, something about "what he said about Roosevelt" and about "the Chicago Tribune, too."

I had it clinched. Not Westbrook Pegler. No. I was right; they were talking about John O'Donnell of the New York Daily News, the man whom President Roosevelt awarded an iron cross for service to the Axis.

That fixed it. The day had started well and I could take all the heat the sun heaps on these Pacific islands, without a whimper. At least three veterans who will be back in America next year won't be taken in by the propaganda of the Hearst-McCormick-Patterson newspaper axis.

Need of Co-ops In Japan Told

New York City
Murray D. Lincoln, president of The Cooperative League of the USA is urging the United States government to bend every effort to encourage the growth of cooperatives in Japan as the most powerful factor available for building economic democracy and as a practical antidote for militarism and monopoly which plunged Japan into war with the Allied powers.

Let's everybody agree now that in the peace ahead no scrap uranium is to be sold to shady customers abroad.—DETROIT NEWS.

FEPC BACKERS ADD FULL EMPLOYMENT TO THEIR PROGRAM

Washington, D. C.
Previous strategy discarded, delegates from 36 states attended the National Council for Permanent FEPC conference here recently, added full employment to their program and prepared to fight on both issues.

Representatives of eight leading labor, church and civic organizations pledged their resources to the council in a national campaign to pass the legislation.

Chairman Walter White of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People insisted a Senate filibuster was inevitable on the FEPC bill. "Plans are cooking in the NAM and in clubs on Fifth Avenue" and the odds against us are very great," he said. White advised the conferees to oppose upon promises of votes for cloture from their senators and called on President Truman to extend the wartime FEPC until permanent legislation was passed.

Unless the anticipated 17 1/2 million jobless workers within the next ten months are re-employed in a democratic manner, America will have demonstrated its failure to the world, said Boris Shiskin, AFL representative.

'Strike Wave' Cry by Press Stirs Nation

Washington, D. C.
Following the accepted technique of its originator, ex-Rep. Martin Dies, the House Un-American Committee has scheduled hearings "on the red menace" currently as newspapers from coast to coast are stepping up hysterical stories about a "wave of strikes."

This plan of linking up the tory hope of breaking union solidarity in a time of crisis by the old smear was first used by Dies. The new committee apparently hopes to follow the same pattern.

When the House on motion of Rep. John Rankin (D., Miss.) set up the un-American committee on a permanent basis last January, there were many expressions of hope from congressmen that the new body would avoid some of the more crude tactics that Dies employed.

But the new committee has already established a link with the Hearst press and forecasts of its actions are now appearing as exclusive items in the Hearst chain, ignoring other newspapers and wire services.

Rep. John S. Wood (D., Ga.) is chairman of the new Dies committee. Other members are Reps. Rankin, J. Hardin Peterson (D., Fla.), J. W. Robinson (D., Utah), John R. Murdock (D., Ariz.), Herbert C. Bonner (D., N.C.), J. Parnell Thomas (R., N.J.), Karl E. Mundt (R., S.D.) and Gerald W. Landis (R., Ind.).

Social Security Tax Deductions Go Up on Jan. 1

Washington, D. C.
Under present U. S. law, the social security tax advances on Jan. 1 from 1 per cent to 2 per cent on both employer and employee.

Sen. Walter F. George (D., Ga.) said Sept. 17 that the increase is automatic unless Congress steps in to postpone it as it has for the past several years. The levy is for old age insurance and the delay in increasing the provision as provided by law has been taken on the grounds that sufficient reserves are on hand.

The House Ways and Means Committee is expected to consider the problem soon and decide whether the levy should remain frozen at the present 1 per cent on each or allowed to rise.

Conditions in China Unbelievably Bad

Detroit, Mich.
"Conditions in India and China are beyond an American's comprehension," says a soldier back from three years overseas with special opportunities for close observation. Since he is not yet out of the army his name cannot be used.

"Chiang Kai-shek wants to have peace with Russia," he says, "but the people back of him don't let him. Our ambassador Hurley is a drunken fool. Chinese soldiers are so badly fed and trained that one Jap was equal to about 50 Chinese. Reports of Chinese victories just before the surrender of Japan were phony, supported by so-called U. S. army observers."

ENACT LAWS TO PREVENT DEPRESSION, URGES LABOR

New Haven, Conn.
A united labor protest meeting here has demanded that Congress accept its "responsibility for enacting into law measures which will help prevent another mass depression."

The resolution was unanimously adopted at a mass rally held in the Labor Temple by the Greater New Haven Committee for Full Employment and Prosperity, which is composed of the Central Labor Council, the Industrial Union Council, the railroad brotherhoods and a number of civic and fraternal organizations.

Speakers who addressed the enthusiastic crowd included Mayor John W. Murphy, Sec. Treas. Harold V. Feinmark of the Connecticut Federation of Labor.

Calling for planning to avoid "the bitter curse of unemployment with its resultant misery and tragedy," the meeting said in its resolution outlining a national program:

"We believe that we can have a prosperous U. S. only if all who are willing and able to work have employment at wage rates and under working conditions which make possible a decent standard of living for all of us and our families. Jobs for all must become our national policy and this right must be backed by a public works program if necessary. Passage of the Murray full employment bill will accomplish this."

Lockheed Workers Demand 'No Cut' In Take-Home Pay

North Hollywood, Calif.
Fifty-two hours straight time take-home pay for 40 hours work headed a list of reconversion demands by Lockheed Aircraft Co. workers adopted at a mass emergency meeting.

The rally was attended by more than 2,500 members of Lodge 527, Intl. Assn. of Machinists (AFL), which is the bargaining agent for Lockheed's 35,000 employees. Although thousands of workers have been laid off in the southern California aircraft industry, layoffs have been small at the huge Lockheed plant here.

In addition to their demand for no cut in take-home pay, the Lockheed workers called for: (1) immediate increases in wage rates of certain occupations to eliminate gross inequities and increases in other wage rates, (2) joint revision by the union and management of all Lockheed job descriptions, job evaluation plans and wage rate schedules, (3) prompt creation by the union of a committee to represent its unemployed members in its dealings with the U. S. Employment Service as well as to investigate complaints on abuses of the unemployment insurance program.

Metal Trades Council Backs Drive to Send Russ English Books

San Francisco, Calif.
The Bay Cities Metal Trades Council has endorsed the nationwide program being launched to collect one million English language books to help refill the bombed, burned and looted shelves of the Russian libraries.

The campaign which started September 21st, is being conducted by the American Society for Russian Relief, Inc., a member of the California War Chest, which has its offices in San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley locally.

The local Council earnestly requests all affiliated unions to participate in this project which provides Americans with one of the best opportunities for helping to build a lasting peace through mutual understanding and goodwill.

The type of books desired are: Good literature of the English language, both fiction and non-fiction, new or used books.

Books which reflect our thought, culture and way of life. Books may be turned in at your nearest public library in any of the Bay cities.

Dr. Gordon Sproul of the University of California is northern California chairman.

Pure Anthropology

"My husband has the strangest hobby," said Mrs. Smith to a friend, "and I never knew anything about it until yesterday. I found in his desk a queer looking ticket inscribed 'Madhouse, 10 to 1.' I asked him what it was and he told me it was a relic of a lost race. Isn't it interesting?"

Vinson Visits Peoria AFL



Sec. of Treas. Fred M. Vinson poses with Peoria A. F. of L. leaders before delivering his Labor Day address at Peoria Stadium. L to r: Chairman Anna C. Rington of public relations committee, Vinson, Alvin McCormick of Local 26, American Federation of Musicians and Vice-Pres. Thomas F. O'Connor of Peoria Trades & Labor Assembly. (Federated Pictures)

For the First Time! COURT FINDS M. & M. GUILTY OF UNLAWFUL, UNFAIR LABOR TACTICS

(Release from office of California State Federation of Labor)

The United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, in its recently handed down opinion in the case of the NLRB vs. the Los Angeles Merchants & Manufacturers Association and others, found the M. & M. guilty of unlawful, unfair labor practices. Upon violation of this order, the M. & M. and its agents can be held subject to contempt of court and punished by fine or imprisonment or both.

This is the first decision of its kind in which an employers' association, although itself not engaged in interstate commerce, has been held to have violated the N.L.R.A., in that it did engage in activities noted by the Court. It is significant that this extremely important opinion and the severe censure which the Court levied against the Merchants and Manufacturers Association has not received any publicity to speak of in the metropolitan press.

Although the Court's opinion does not give in detail the background of evidence that was uncovered, including the vast network of illegal activities of the M. & M. it nevertheless does express in strong language the basis for the Court's opinion holding the Merchants and Manufacturers Association guilty.

In denying the contentions of the Association that they are not employers engaged in interstate commerce, the Court stated:

"There is no merit in this contention. All the functions performed by the agents of the institutional defendants were employer functions. The employer institution acts when its agent acts. When an industry engaged in interstate commerce utilizes the institutional agents to interfere with interstate commerce, the institutions, as agents of the interstate employer, violate the act. Such agents as Rittenhouse and Huff were discharging employer functions in their labor organizing efforts, though pretending to be acting on behalf of the workmen."

"Were this not obvious, the three institutions are employers within the definition of Section 2 (2) of the Act providing, in its relevant portion, that 'The term "employer" includes any person acting in the interest of an employer, directly or indirectly.' Section 2 (1) of the Act provides specifically that 'The term "person" includes one or more associations. . . ."

The case had its background in the fall of 1937 when the American Federation of Labor Upholders Union and another Union were conducting campaigns to organize the employees of canvas companies, and these companies, aware of the progress the campaign was making, joined the Merchants and Manufacturers Association in order, according to the Secretary of Downey Bros., Inc., "to give them financial support in the effort they were putting forth to keep Los Angeles an open-shop town."

The enormous job of helping the war funds now that victory has been achieved will receive substantial support from Labor's own war relief program.

WIDE EFFECT SEEN
The Court opinion observed: "M. & M. attempts to argue that its many years advocacy throughout Southern California of the 'open shop' was for no more than to give to the American non-union workman a job—that is to protect a civil liberty which it claimed to be of profound value. It also claims that all that was publicized and counseled was but an exercise of its constitutional right of 'free speech.'"

"In view of what M. & M. actually did under these euphemistic slogans, the Board would find them to be insincere protestations to conceal their conspiracy to form company dominated unions by the utilization of the organization of women, many of whom, no doubt, innocently believed they were 'protecting the American home.'"

Protecting the American home." This decision will have far-reaching effects on future activities of the Merchants and Manufacturers Association and its associated anti-labor organizations in Southern California.

Labor Reporter



Miriam Allen de Ford (above) is celebrating her 25th year as San Francisco correspondent for Federated Press. The dean of FP correspondents, she has covered all important west coast labor stories from Tom Mooney to Harry Bridges. (Federated Pictures)

A. F. of L. Urges Good Support Of War Fund

(Release from Office of State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.
Realizing that the war fund campaigns will be seriously affected by the ending of the war, the A. F. of L. Labor League for Human Rights, in order to overcome this unexpected obstacle, has completed preparations for a mighty effort in behalf of the National War Fund and local Community Chests in more than 900 communities.

The immensity of this plan is made evident in its endorsement by 107 International Unions, hundreds of civic bodies and 35,000 local Unions, embracing 8,000,000 members.

The 8,000,000 members of the American Federation of Labor will help the war funds through a crucial winter, as well as support other essential home-front services by donating to the National War Fund through the Community Chest. The enormous job of helping the war funds now that victory has been achieved will receive substantial support from Labor's own war relief program.

Stereotypers Gain

Detroit, Mich.
Members of the Detroit Stereotypers Union (AFL) are now being paid \$62.50 a week in newspaper shops, a raise of \$3 a week retroactive to Oct. 1, 1944. The rate is the same for day and night shifts, but the day shift is 8 hours and the night 7. Apprentices, formerly starting at 35% of the scale, now start at 50%, also retroactive. For circular shops the stereotyper rate now is \$13.30 per day (or night) plus 45c a day bonus in lieu of two weeks vacation. Pres. A. R. Jamieson announces.

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THE GODDESS OF LIBERTY

A lot of people who are, always cussing some other country because it does not have all the freedoms we associate with the American "Bill of Rights" forget that the citizens of the United States have been battling for over 175 years for freedom of speech, freedom to vote, freedom to work, freedom to worship, freedom to organize unions, and these freedoms are by no means attained.

For a long time in this country we had property qualifications for voting. In several states yet you can't vote unless you pay a tax for the privilege. Several states have been denying you the right to vote in the primaries if you happen to have a black skin instead of a white one. *It was only a little while ago that the country decided that women also are people and can be trusted with a ballot!*

Up until a few years ago a person who dared to agitate among workers to organize a union was a marked man. He was lucky to get away with nothing worse than the "blacklist"; often such a man would be beaten to death by company thugs. In the long struggle for the right to bargain collectively workers have been killed, maimed, jailed and starved by the tens of thousands. *Even today, despite the Wagner Act, there are many places in this country where labor organizers are occasionally kidnapped, beaten up, held in jail incommunicado, "framed" and sometimes murdered outright.*

After a long 175-year fight we have finally attained a considerable amount of freedom of speech, but that freedom is still pretty much in the theoretical stage. For instance, just go down on the street corner and start preaching socialism, and see what happens to you. In most places, you have to get a permit for a street meeting and, after and if you get the permit, you are usually required to do your soap-boxing in a certain walled-in park or on certain limited street-corners—under the watchful eye of the local gendarmes. If you are a "radical," maybe you know how tough it often is to get the use of a schoolhouse for a meeting. If you are against Special Privilege, if you want to change our form of government (even peacefully by the ballot), if you want to expose racketeering and exploitation, you have to have the patience of Job for the inevitable struggle to get time (even when you buy it) at the average radio station!

We have freedom of worship—unless you happen, sav, to be a member of Jehovah's Witnesses, a group which insists on allegiance only to the Almighty, and then you're likely to be in one jam after another. If you happen not to have any religion, or you are opposed to it and want to offer arguments against it, just try to buy space for this purpose in the average daily newspaper or time on the average radio station. You see, there is a great deal of freedom to be a religious proselyte, but very little freedom to be an anti-religious proselyte.

In many places in this country (if you are a Negro) you have no freedom to eat in restaurants, drink in bars or sleep in hotels reserved for Nordics, and in several southern states you have no freedom to ride in the same car with members of the Master Race.

Yes, we've gone a long way in this freedom business. But we've got a long way to go yet. In fact, when you consider that we haven't got more freedom for everybody—although we have had 175 years to do it in—you'll have to admit that we can't afford to be smug. In fact, it comes with poor grace for us to be pointing the finger of accusation at some other country—at least until the government of that country has also had 175 years in which to poke along with the democratic process.

HOW LONG, O LORD?

All during the war it was pointed out that the war would have to end some time and that we had better prepare to arrange our economy so that displaced war workers could have other jobs. *Nothing was done.* After the defeat of Germany, *still nothing was done.* When it became apparent that Japan might fold up at any time, *still nothing was done.* When the first atomic bomb had been dropped and the Russians had entered the war, *still nothing was done.* Now, weeks after the surrender of Japan and war workers are being discharged by the millions, *still nothing has been done.* The conclusion is obvious: Before you can get an idea in the head of the average Congressman, you must first drill a hole in his skull with a brace and bit. Let's hope that by the time you read this blast it is no longer opportune!

IT'S NO TIME TO RELAX!

Just because the war's over is no reason to quit buying bonds. We still have a big army and navy to support, and we must maintain armies of occupation for years to come. Besides, putting your money in bonds is one of the best ways to help hold down the cost of living. *Get back of that coming Victory Loan!*

By the Navy!
Bldg. Trades
Win Praises
For War Work

(Release from Office of State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif. Expressing his sincere appreciation to the International Unions constituting the Building Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor for their wholehearted cooperation in the completion of the Navy construction program, Admiral Moreel, CEC, USN, Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, in a letter to Herbert Rivers, Secretary-Treasurer of the Building Construction Trades Department, described in most glowing terms the role that the Building Trades Unions have played in the war effort. The Navy program included the construction of air stations, operating bases, repair bases, drydocks, training stations, storage, fuel and ammunition storage depots, hospitals, and the like.

Admiral Moreel stated that "the outstanding record achieved by the Building Trades in the construction of these facilities is equalled only by their achievement in successfully assisting in the recruiting of Seabees when in the early days of the war the battalions were urgently required for construction work in combat areas overseas."

Observing that the surrender of the enemy in the Pacific had brought the four-year-old war to an end, and that during this period the Bureau of Yards and Docks, as the construction agency for the Navy had awarded contracts for the construction of vital Navy shore facilities costing approximately \$6,000,000,000, the Admiral pointed out in this letter that the Unions had never failed to keep their "no-strike" pledge. In this connection he wrote:

"It can be recalled that prior to the entrance of the United States in the war, the building trades, through the Building Trades Department, entered into a memorandum agreement with the government construction agencies in which the Unions agreed not to strike for any reason whatsoever during the war emergency, and otherwise agreed on the stabilization of wages and working conditions on federal war construction. This agreement, which is still in operation, effectively eliminated the major causes of labor disputes and provided for a Board to hear real disputes."

He also pointed out that the Building Trades Unions assisted ably in recruiting laborers and mechanics to man the various construction projects as they became progressively more difficult to supply with labor.

Admiral Moreel ended his letter with the following words: "The building trades and the Building Trades Department of the A. F. of L. have achieved a record of performance of which they may well be proud."

40-Hour Week
For Employees
Of State Urged

(Release from Office of State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif. Urging Governor Warren to establish the 40-hour week for all the employees of the State, Secretary Haggerty has recommended that the Governor place this request on the Agenda of the special session of the State Legislature when it is called.

Under the 1943 statute the State Personnel Board is empowered to establish work week periods of 40, 44 and 48 hours. This variable work week has caused considerable dissatisfaction among the employees of the State. The Unions recognized, however, that the great load carried by the Department of Institutions where the 44 and 48 hour weeks prevail was a result of war conditions and therefore made no complaint about this matter.

Now the war has ended, and, anticipating the need of expanding employment opportunities, the Federation and its affiliated Unions believe that it will be nothing less than fair to establish a 40-hour week for all the State Employees. This will help not only to recruit more manpower for those departments which are now short-handed, but to eliminate inequities as well.

The Secretary of the Federation has therefore urged that Governor Warren take action in line with that of the President of the United States in establishing the 40-hour week for all Federal employees.

Covers
The Globe!

A reader of this labor paper sent us the following postcard from San Juan, Puerto Rico:

"Editor:
"I just read the latest edition of your paper here. Your circulation sure covers the world!"
JACK DRAY"

THE MARCH OF LABOR



YANKEE FROM OLYMPUS, by Catherine Drinker Bowen, Price \$1.98. (NOTE: If you cannot get this volume at your local bookshop, write direct to publisher, Grosset & Dunlap, Inc., 1107 Broadway, New York 10, N.Y.)

In the history of American jurisprudence, the late Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes will remain as one of the immortals. This splendid biography of Holmes and his illustrious antecedents (his father was the famed "Autocrat" Holmes, you know) was originally published some time ago and has already become an American classic. Grosset and Dunlap have a limited, popular-priced edition which will not last long.

This is not a dry, dusty recording of facts about a great man's life, but an artistic biographical achievement that reads flowingly like an absorbing story. To read "Yankee From Olympus" is to soak up the New England background, and yet it is not sectional, for, as one reviewer put it, it is "a book to understand America by."

Holmes was gifted with a rare insight into the human side of the law. We in the labor movement have a special reason to admire him, for in nearly every case that came before him in the Supreme Court involving the issue of human welfare versus property rights Holmes took the side of the people. His dissertations on important decisions are masterpieces. He had a fine mellowness, a razor-like mind, a profound sense of humor and a devotion to the principles of freedom set forth in the Constitution not matched by any other Justice of our time—unless it was Louis Brandeis.

The story of the Holmes family is one of the richest sources of Americana in the liberal tradition and the author has done a workmanlike job that will long be treasured by lovers of good literature.

—AL SESSIONS.

JAILS, Care and Treatment of Misdemeanant Prisoners in the United States, by Louis N. Robinson, Price \$3.00. (NOTE: If you cannot get this volume at your local bookshop, write direct to publisher, The John C. Winston Company, 1006 Arch Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa.)

Crime, especially juvenile crime, should be a growing concern of every American. Louis N. Robinson, who has had long experience as a member of prison commissions and parole boards, confines himself in this book to the subject of proper handling of incarcerated persons in penal institutions so that the maximum number may be reclaimed for good citizenship. This, and a previous book, "Should Prisoners Work?" should be in the hands of all associated with crime prevention.

In an extensive survey of jail conditions in many areas of the country, Robinson makes the flat statement that "living conditions in a very large percentage are unthinkingly bad." What this means strikes the reader with some force when he considers that, in this country there are some 4000 local penal institutions. In and out of them runs a continuous stream of convicted persons.

It used to be thought good criminal practice to treat prison inmates like dogs to house them in filthy environments and to treat them cruelly in general. Many sincere people thought that this was the only way to "reform" lawbreakers. But gradually it began to be realized that human decent treatment does not have to consist of "coddling." Good food sanitary

GIGGLES
AND
GROANS

KNEW HIS STUFF

Father was reading the paper. Five-year-old Johnny edged up to his chair. "Dad," he said, "Jane and I are going to be married."

Now Johnny and Jane had lisped their first baby words together, and had played together constantly ever since. So this information that Johnny's and Jane's interests were to be merged permanently wasn't too much of a shock. Father restrained a smile and asked: "And how do you expect to support Jane?"

Johnny explained that he had already arranged for a job selling papers.

With visions of two-families-living-under-one-roof at a very early date, Father asked: "Where will you live?"

"Oh, we'll build our own house." Father couldn't bear coming off second best. He began rambling about birds, bees, and flowers, and finally came up with a bombshell. "But Johnny, when people get married they have babies!"

"Jane and I won't," was the quick reply.

Father's eyes widened. "What makes you think you won't?"

"Because I'll find her nest and step on her eggs!"

UNSOCIABLE BUNCH

Two GIs were strolling along a suburban road outside London when they saw, on a hillside, a building which said over its archway "Hall of Remembrance"—the British phrase for "crematorium." With usual GI curiosity, one of them went in to investigate.

A moment or two later he came out in such a hurry as to give the impression that he had been assisted to leave. To the other's query he replied:

"Darned if I know what it's all about. I walked in and saw a lot of people in black standing around a pit from which flames seemed to be coming. All I said before I got thrown out was: 'Hi, folks, what's cooking?'"

RIGHT BACK AT HIM

A rather tipsy gentleman was disturbed the other night when the tavern keeper started to close the bar. "What's the idea of closing up?" he wanted to know.

"Curfew," was the reply.

"What'd-ya say?" asked the befuddled one.

"Curfew! Curfew! CURFEW! shouted the tavern keeper.

"Gesundheit!" replied the drunk.

VERY ACCOMMODATING

A WAC on duty in England accepted the invitation of her fiancé's family to spend her furlough at their ancestral home, so they could get better acquainted with her. Her fiancé warned her that they were very old-fashioned, and straitlaced, and she would have to watch herself very carefully in order to please them.

The first morning she got up, the thought suddenly occurred to her that the pyjamas she wore, instead of a nightgown, might be considered immoral, so she carefully put them away. At breakfast the second morning, she suddenly remembered that she had left them lying on the bed. Excusing herself she rushed to her room. The pyjamas had disappeared.

While she was looking feverishly among the bedclothes for them, a dour, elderly maid walked in. "If it's the pyjamas you're looking for, Miss," she said, "I just took them back to his room."

SIMPLE WAY OUT

JOE: "How do you expect to accomplish anything with three good-looking stenographers in your office?"

MOE: "By giving two of them a day off."

JUST ONE BUSY DAY

The reason why WACS have never fully replaced men as drivers for officers' cars in England goes back, army legend has it, to an embarrassing incident that happened a couple of years ago. At this time women in uniform were usually chauffeuring the brass hats; colonels and generals, needless to say, rarely are allowed to sell their hands on steering wheels.

One night a certain general was being driven home to London from northern England. It had been a long, hard day, with the young lady at the wheel busy continuously, and she hadn't had much relief. She began to get restless. English roads are not lined with service stations offering "comfort" rooms, so the girl waited until they reached a rather lonely spot on the road, where there was shrubbery on either side, before she embarrassedly muttered something, stopped the car, and hurried off into the darkness.

When she came back to the car, she slid into the seat, keeping her eyes straight ahead, mumbled something, and drove off in a big hurry. Everything went along fine, until she parked the car in front of headquarters an hour later, and for the first time turned and braved a look at the general, in the back seat.

There was no general in the back seat. He, too, had gotten off at that lonely stretch back there on the road—and was still there!

THE MODERN VERSION OF
ANDROCLES AND THE LION

By AL SESSIONS

All during this war we have frowned on the British-baiters. We rejoiced in the thumping victory of the Labor Party. We admire the pluck of the British people in the face of great adversity. We want Britain and the United States to work closely together in peace as well as in war. But the fact must be faced that if the Labor government is to follow the foreign policies of the Tory government and the United States "goes along," both we and the British will suffer a decline in prestige.

Perhaps before you read this, the Labor government will have made welcome changes in foreign policy, but its start has not been auspicious.

EVOLUTION OF A MESS

From the very beginning, for example, the British foreign office has made an unholy mess of the Greek situation. First, under Churchill, it tried to impose King George on a people that didn't want him back. Royalist exiles in Egypt were babied and militant Greek democrats were persecuted. After the Greeks had practically freed themselves from the Nazis (when the pressure was taken off by the Allied conquest of most of Italy and by the campaigns of the Russians and the Yugoslav partisans), the British went into Greece with food, yes, but also with planes, tanks and guns. Those planes, tanks and guns were later used in wholesale fashion to back up royalist and semi-fascist elements in Greece as against the popular resistance front represented by the EAM. Churchill, attacked in Parliament, tried to pass this bloody episode off as merely "restoring order" after an attempted coup by what he called "Trotskyite communists." Churchill was deliberately mousing a lot of baloney to cover up another flagrant example of repressive tactics to protect the "life line."

WEIGHTING THE SCALES Since that time the scales have been heavily weighted in favor of the monarchists, many of whom were cronies of the fascist dictator, Metaxas of the old days. Britain says that she had to maintain order to guarantee a free, democratic election in the future. But the whole thing has been so rigged that a really free election is impossible. The United States has been sucked into this sordid business of helping to "supervise" a free election which will be about as free as a bird in a gilded cage. The Soviet Union, realizing what an utter mess will develop, refused to have anything to do with it.

When the dust settles and the reactionaries are back in the saddle and the betrayed common people of Greece begin to take stock, they will remember that British arms turned the trick, that our American state department cooperated in the sell-out.

HOW "FREEDOM" WORKS

Here are examples of this precious "freedom" that British arms and American spinelessness have permitted to develop in Greece: Recently the left-wing trade union forces won an overwhelming victory in local and national labor elections. What happened? The results were declared "void" by the higher-ups. Still later elections were held for the executive board of the Athens Labor Center. The ERGAS forces (left-wing trade union group) won another decisive victory. What happened? The labor minister declared the elections void!

If the Greek people want to go left, vote left, that is their business. Democracy means rule by the majority. It doesn't seem to mean that in British-dominated Greece. And just what in hell are Allied forces doing in Greece anyway? Greece never was an enemy, but an ally, and her people died by the hundreds of thousands resisting the German invader. The very fact that, long after the Germans were driven out of Greece, British tanks, planes and guns are still being used in that unhappy country to "police" the little nation and "control" the democratic upsurge, is sure proof that the aim is to impose a government on the people that, first and foremost, can be "handled" and plays ball according to the rules of the Empire trade system.

Britain should get out of Greece, stay out, and let the people work out their own problems in their own way. Have Bevin and Ailes read the United Nations charter lately?

The Grubstake

Parade says a New Jersey dealer furnished patients with new sets of teeth on the installment plan.

His slogan is "Pay as you eat."

"What I like about the
WAR
CHEST"

says a war veteran

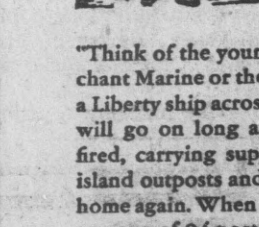


"When a fellow has been away from home, especially in the dictator countries, you sure appreciate the American way of doing things."

"That's what I like about the Community War Chest...it's American and democratic because nobody's forced to give. You just give because you feel like giving. And it makes you feel good to see money being used to do good. Even though we're all mighty happy that the war is over now, we mustn't forget that THE WAR ON WANT IS NOT YET WON. There's still a big job to be done with War Chest dollars."



"It's sure tough to see how kids in foreign countries have been hit by war. Now they seem bewildered and lost in peace. It is good to see how America goes on helping them and that America has the spirit to continue helping them."



"Think of the young seamen in the Merchant Marine or the older hands working a Liberty ship across the Pacific. Their job will go on long after the last gun was fired, carrying supplies to hundreds of island outposts and bringing my buddies home again. When these men hit shore, in any one of 94 ports, they are sure glad to find a decent, clean American club of their own, run by the United Seamen's Service. War Chest dollars put them there."



"Ever been homeless? There are millions of fine people destitute and homeless throughout Europe and the Philippines and China. Homes have been destroyed and families separated. There is a long, long job ahead in resettlement. Your War Chest dollars are needed to help them."

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CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—Vice-President for San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Benito, Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties—Thomas A. Small, San Mateo, California, Phone San Mateo 3-8789.

BAKERS 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main, at 8 p.m. Pres. John Durnell, 533 E. Alisal, Secretary, Leon J. Smith, 117 Main St., phone 4302.

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BARTENDERS 545—Meets 1st Monday at 2 p.m. and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m. at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts. Pres., Eddie Rose, Secretary and Business Agent, Karl E. Hess, Office at Teamsters Hall, phone 6209.

BUTCHERS UNION 506 (Salinas Branch)—Pres. Geo. Gilbert; Vice Pres. Bill Steinmueller; Fin. Sec. Harry Boeh; Rec. Sec. Jim Errington, (Earl Moorhead, Exec. Sec. office phone San Jose, Columbia 232). Del Monte Ave.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets first and third Tuesdays at 7:30, Carpenters' Hall, North Main St. Pres. Roy Willis; Vice-Pres. R. Timmerman; Bus. Agt. George Harter; Sec. H. L. Taft, 243 Clay St., Phone 4246; Treas. R. L. Thurman, 5 Port Ave.; Rec. Sec. Amos Schofield.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Business and social meeting fourth Wednesday each month at Carpenters Hall, Pres. Jean Pilliar; Fin. Sec. Bernice Pilliar; Rec. Sec. Blanche Van Ermon.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—No regular meetings scheduled, and subject only to call. Secretary Bertha A. Boles. Office at Teamsters Hall, Main and John Sts., phone 6209.

ENGINEERS (OPERATING) 165—Meets 2nd Monday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., at 8 p.m. Pres., C. R. Ingersoll, P.O. Box 2, Freedom, Secretary, Harry Vosburgh, 404 California St., Salinas, phone 4972.

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS, LOCAL 611—Meets first Tuesday every other month 10 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres. Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., Phone Salinas 9795; Bus. Agent James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, Phone 1216; Rec. Sec. Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz.

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, Local Union 243—Meets the first Tuesday in each month at the Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8:00 p.m. C. B. Phillips, Bus. Mgr. Phone 3361, 25 Harvest St., E. M. Ellis, Pres. Phone 6524.

HOD CARRIERS AND LABORERS UNION 272—Meets second Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. R. Fenchel, Pres., 17 Railroad Ave.; J. F. Mattos, Sec., 104 Lang St., Salinas; J. B. McGinley, Bus. Agent, office at 117 Pajaro St.

LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Bengel, Hilby St., Monterey, Phone Monterey 4820; Sec.-Treas. Dean S. Seefeldt, 526 Park St., Salinas, Phone 9223.

MONTEREY COUNTY CENTRAL LABOR UNION—Meets every Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. at Teamsters' Hall, John and Main Sts.; W. G. Kenyon, Sec.-Treas., Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., phone 4893; home phone 8539. Pres., F. H. L. Sprague, ph. 3863. Labor Council Negotiation Committee: Albert Harris, Main and John Sts., ph. 4893; Geo. Harter, Carpenters Hall, 422 N. Main St., ph. 5721.

OPERATIVE PLASTERERS AND CEMENT FINISHERS OF SALINAS AND MONTEREY COUNTY, LOCAL UNION NO. 763—Meets second and fourth Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m., at Rodeo Cafe; Fred Randon, Secretary, 31 Buena Vista, Salinas, Phone 1423; President, Don Frick.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., at 7:30 p.m., Pres. Donald McBeth, 1014 Le Costa St., phone 4126. Secretary and Business Agent, Dennis Hartman, 614 Mae Ave., phone 8783.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS' UNION LOCAL 503—Meets second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple, Pres. Orin Border; Recording Secretary, William Farr; Financial Secretary, Erwin Goodson. Office at 215 E. Alisal St., Phone 3463. Executive Board meets each Tuesday night at Labor Temple.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets every 3rd Monday alternately at home of members at 8:30 p.m. President, L. E. Pierce, 43 Romer Lane, phone 3173. Secretary, H. C. Schrieke, 636 El Camino Real, No., phone 7080.

PRESSMEN 328—Meets last Tuesday of month, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville, Pres. Milo Wingard, 339 West St., Salinas. Secretary, Milo Martella, 225 Monterey St., Salinas.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., and at Salinas at 117 Pajaro St. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres. John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Fin. and Rec. Sec., F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., Santa Cruz, phone 1276-J. Bus. Agent for Salinas area, J. B. McGinley, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 6777. Bus. Agent for Monterey, L. T. Long, 411 1/2 Alvarado St., Monterey.

STATE COUNTY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 420—Meets on call at Labor Temple, President, H. E. Lyons, 15 West Street, Secretary, R. M. Allen, 124 East Alisal Street, Salinas.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616—President, J. Collins; Secretary-Treasurer, MacRossie; Recording secretary, H. Dies. Meet in Forrester's Hall, Salinas 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS AND AUTO TRUCK DRIVERS' UNION, LOCAL NO. 287—Meets first Wednesday in Oct., Jan., April, July at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts. Salinas, phone 7590.

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS, LOCAL 611—Meets first Tuesday every other month at 10 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres. Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., Phone Salinas 9795; Bus. Agent, James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, phone 1216; Rec. Sec. Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz; phone 167.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION NO. 543—R. C. Sprague, Salinas, Pres.; A. C. Davis, Sec.-Treas., 109 Prospect St., Watsonville. Meets last Sunday, alternating between Watsonville and Salinas.

UNITED SLATE, TILE & COMPOSITION ROOFERS, DAMP & WATERPROOF WORKERS ASSOCIATION 50—Meets 3rd Friday, 8 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., E. E. Lehr, 142-11th St., Pacific Grove. Sec., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas, Phone 9668.

WAREHOUSEMEN 800—Meets first Tuesday night at Teamsters' Hall, John and Main streets. Office at same address, phone 4893. President, Albert Harris, Secretary, W. G. Kenyon. Financial secretary and business representative, Peter A. Andrade.

LOCAL 483 SPEAKS

(Bartenders, Hotel & Restaurant Employees No. 483)

Steve Smario, recently released from the Navy, will resume his duties once again in this office. Brother Smario will take office as Business Agent, November 1, 1945. He was elected at our last meeting.

Pearl Robinson, who was Business Agent and Secretary, resigned the Business Agent office but is still Secretary. Mac and the parrot will also be part of the office staff.

Tony Barrera writes from Pearl Harbor that he is being towed into the States and it will take 14 days. Too long for that thirsty Barrera.

Another one of our boys who has seen lots of action in the ETO, was in to call for his book. It was Anthony Foster, looking very well in his civvies.

Kay Leavell was elected Trustee at our last meeting, to fill in the vacancy of Ray Leitz. Leitz is now a cafe owner and still a member.

Next week I will have a word or two about Art. Who's Art? I can't tell you now. —PILAR.

MINUTES

Bldg. Trades Council

Meeting called to order by President M. J. Dickerson, 8:10 p.m. Roll showed eight local unions represented.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. All bills were ordered paid.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received a copy of the minutes of the Building Trades Council, Monterey County, Salinas. Filed.

Received a copy of the B. & C. T. C. minutes of Santa Clara Co.

Received a letter from Perry Rosenfield, who would like to use the good name of the B. & C. T. C. to put on an advertising adventure. (The request was denied.)

Received a report from the Executive Board of the State B. & C. T. C. of California. They call attention to many things of interest to the Building Crafts.

Received a report from the Advisory Committee on Trade extension and apprenticeship training.

Received a report on State Legislative Bill that were passed and approved by the Governor, which are of interest to Labor.

Received two weekly news letters from the California State Federation of Labor.

Received a news letter from the Northern California Union Health Committee.

Received a report of the joint meeting of the Bay Counties Building Trades Crafts.

A letter from the B. & C. T. C. Department explaining the Stabilization Agreement.

A letter from Painters Local Union requesting information on affiliation. (The secretary was instructed to answer.)

REPORTS OF UNIONS

Bro. Ward, Carpenters No. 1323

—Good meeting. Initiated 16 new members.

Bro. A. B. Hicks, Roofers No. 50

—Meet Monday, every one is working.

Bro. Walker, Salinas B. & C. T.

—Reports five local unions in the Council and three are expected to join.

Bro. M. Fales, Electric Workers No. 1072—They have a committee working for a wage adjustment.

They expect to start their apprentice class Tuesday, Sept. 25, 1945.

Bro. P. Luze, Hodcarriers & Laborers No. 690—Good meeting.

Initiated two new members.

Bro. Alsop, Sheet Metal Workers No. 304—Will hold a special meeting in Salinas Friday, Sept. 21, 1945.

NEW BUSINESS

Visitors: Bro. Frank C. MacDonald, General President for the State Building & Construction Trades Council of California, was introduced by President Dickerson.

Bro. MacDonald gave a very fine talk. He explained the importance of maintaining price control, the Apprentice Training, covered the acts of the State Legislature during the past session, stressed the importance of registering and voting, recommended wage adjustments without raising the price of the commodity. Do not buy above the price ceiling and recommends a school of Trade Unionism. He states that the CIO is trying to break into the construction field.

The talk was well received.

No further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. LONG, Secretary.

Co-op Hospitals

Planned in North

Walla Walla, Wash.

The whirlwind tour of the Pacific Northwest which Dr. Michael Shadid made in August is already bearing fruit. A Cooperative Hospital Association has been organized at Sand Point, Idaho, and application is being made for a charter. A second organization is under way at Buhl, Idaho, and plans are being made for a co-op hospital at Salem, Oregon, with very strong interest in Bremerton, Washington; Seattle, and Rupert, Idaho.

The New Offensive . . . Charles



Southern AFL Leaders Adopt Union Program

Jackson, Mississippi

A 7-point program for expanding and democratizing education was adopted here by AFL leaders from 13 southern states at a conference called to plan an organizational drive in the south.

Under the program the AFL leaders: (1) endorsed federal aid to public education "on the principle of equalization without discrimination," (2) called for AFL bodies to help organize public school teachers, (3) asked the schools to give adequate treatment to organized labor in classes; (4) proposed an education program for unionists in cooperation with the public schools, (5) called for support of the Workers Education Bureau, (6) suggested unions hold contests among children of union members for essays on some aspects of the labor movement, (7) endorsed extension of the GI bill of rights and agreed "to work for such amendments as will make its provisions reach the needs of returning veterans more adequately."

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Unions Reborn In Luxembourg

Tiny Luxembourg is the first European nation in which trade unions have been rebuilt to pre-war strength, the American Labor Conference on International Affairs, a research organization backed by the A. F. of L., revealed.

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On Tuesday, September 18, a special meeting was held for all lettuce truck drivers, and as a result of that meeting, a new course was chartered for that industry. First of all, an understanding was reached as to unity of purpose. There had been a misunderstanding among the drivers covering the operation. Another important thing which took place at this meeting was that the officers

contact the Union office.

ATTENTION: All members of Local 890 in Watsonville, Salinas, Gilroy, Hollister and San Juan—the CIO Tobacco Workers have started a raiding campaign on some of our operations, attempting to acquire signatures. The CIO-FTA is suffering from a hangover from the days when it was the UCAFAWA but they have kept the same constitution and by-laws which is loaded with little gems that make their pretensions to fair and democratic unionism sound pretty hollow.

It was also suggested at this meeting that the men meet as a division once a month aside from the regular meeting of the Union. Watch this column for notice of such meetings. We urgently request that all stewards keep the office of the Union informed whenever the members hire a new driver. Our present contract is in the office, copies of which can be procured. The new contract includes loaders drivers, bug drivers, tractor drivers, Silver King drivers, as well as truck drivers. Please report any information to the office of the Union, or phone 4893 or 4894.

To All of Our Members at the Dempsey-Hudson Plant: If you have not received your back pay from the Dempsey-Hudson Company, please notify the company immediately. This should cover the period from July 10 to August 18. On August 18 the board released its jurisdiction over wage freezing, and the contract as it reads automatically became in full force and effect.

At the present time, the plant is shut down with the exception of maintenance help. All of our members who were employed there and who are presently unemployed, please report to the office of the Union for employment. Our Union has work for both men and women.

To All of Our Members Employed at the Spiegl Foods Company: The Union has a contract, covering the most operation of Spiegl Foods Company, which calls for a guaranteed day and other working conditions which establishes a minimum of 90c an hour in that operation up to a \$1.10 for Clark lifter operators. Anyone performing work under the following classifications shall remain members of our Union.

The classifications are: Fiber board stitcher operators, case strappers, loaders and unloaders, clean-up men, Clark lifter operators and supply room checker. Our Union wishes to inform all its members working in the meat plant that the U. S. Government officials, who are John Hawkins, Quartermaster Market Center Inspector and Colonel Arbura of the U. S. Army Meat Inspection Service, found the plant and all of its facilities in a high state of sanitation and cleanliness. They complimented the management and the workers for maintaining such a high plane of cleanliness and efficiency in an entirely new operation, which has been working for only one week.

To all of our Members Employed in the Ice Industry in Salinas: If you have not received your back pay from the operators, covering storage men at a 90c per hour minimum and overtime after eight hours, and overtime covering all classifications on the 8-hour a day, please inform the Company at once. It was understood that the deadline would be September 22. In event you are no longer employed in the ice industry and you have back pay coming from July 1 to September 22, please make claim immediately to the Company for whom you were working. The contracts reads, "All claims for payments shall be made within 60 days from date of notification."

To all of our Members Employed at the Raiter Canning Company: Every Friday, William Kenyon, business representative, will be in the plant in order to sign up new members and to service you. Please cooperate with Brother Kenyon. Your Union is in need of shop stewards at this cannery. Will you volunteer your services? Keep in touch with this Union office.

Important! Back pay checks for overtime from August 16, 1944, to the present date are being prepared by the Company. Please make claim to the Company for such payment in the event you are entitled to same. In the event you are not familiar with the contract,

open to any and all workers coming under its jurisdiction under the banner of the American Federation of Labor, and will accord such workers the right type of representation without any political prejudice. All officers in our organization are elected by the members. All members in our organization have local autonomy. They operate their own union and they meet regularly and pass on all of its business without any influence from outside sources.

So beware you who are members of Local 890 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters—BEWARE of empty promises—BEWARE of the CIO who offers you a Utopia with a fence around it, which in reality, never existed.

To All of Our Members: Please watch this paper for several articles dealing with unemployment insurance. This is important! Study it carefully so that you will be prepared when you file any new claims in the event you become unemployed. These articles will run in our weekly labor paper for the next two months, and they have been offered by our local Union for the benefit of its members.

Thanks to Mr. Ray Schultz, State of California Department of Employment representative, 125 Monterey Street, Salinas.

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The peach season is now over at Western Frozen Foods, and a short layoff will be had after which the company will start to process apples.

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To our produce truck drivers in Gilroy, San Juan and Hollister: It has come to the attention of the Union that those tractor, Silver King and bug drivers used in the harvesting of produce such as carrots, lettuce, were not receiving the time and one-half for time worked over 10 hours in any one day, Sundays and holidays. This matter has been brought to the attention of the Vessey Company, and those people employed in the driving of the above-named equipment, will receive back pay for their overtime from April 15, 1945.

The Union wishes to call to the attention of all members to familiarize themselves with the contents of their working agreements. Many times, there are arguments that come up that you can settle yourself in most cases. The contract must be lived up to by both parties, the Company and the Union. You will find a copy posted in all plants.

The following members received sick benefits for last week: Andrew Hardin, Salinas, first week; Buelah Vaden, Salinas, first week; John B. Williams, Salinas, first week; Peter B. Castro, fourth week; Leona Blair, Salinas, sixth and seventh week; Wilma Deurell, Salinas, sixth and final week; Pete Renteria, Salinas, eighth and final week; Ruby O'Neal, Gilroy, third week; Lucy Chetkovich, Watsonville, seventh week; Effie McClain, Gilroy, first week; Dolores Valenzuela, Salinas, eighth week; Thelma Gibbs, Salinas, tenth and final week.

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Washington, D. C.

The U. S. Social Security Board reports that total unemployment compensation claims filed in the nation between V-J Day and the week ending Sept. 8 totaled 1,198,253, an increase of 6.2 per cent over the week ending Sept. 1.

It was pointed out that the total claims filed does not reflect the total amount of joblessness in the country because millions are not covered by the various state laws.

Three states received 38 per cent of the total claims: Michigan with 205,155, New York with 132,679 and Illinois, 114,745. Other states high on the list were California with 88,625 and Pennsylvania, 87,222.

Same Old Story: Now From Texas!

Austin, Texas

Executing a neat job of deliberate sabotage, Exec. Sec. Walter Long of the Austin Chamber of Commerce withheld from the press and from Congress a resolution unanimously adopted by the C. of C. board endorsing the Kilgore bill for increased jobless pay. Long gave a routine report of the board meeting to the press but omitted any mention of the 2 1/2-page resolution endorsing the measure. The news leaked out but Long is continuing to withhold the resolution. He told Federated Press: "I couldn't tell you about that. I haven't had a chance to dictate the minutes of that meeting yet," although the meeting occurred some 11 days before.

Same Cast, Different Parts

Redwood City, Calif.

"I know this means a lot to you, Warren, but it also means a lot to the state to be given a chance to square itself. That is what I'm giving it a chance to do by signing this petition."

With these words Judge Maxwell McNutt, who once was Warren K. Billings' lawyer, recommended to the California supreme court that the labor martyr be restored to full citizenship. Billings' attorney was James F. Brennan, who was one of the prosecutors in the original trial which railroaded Billings and Tom Mooney to jail in 1916.



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